II. CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Mail item receiving device ~~for receiving the mail items ejected through an exit slot of a folding and inserting machine, the mail item receiving device~~ comprising:

a support plate on which ~~the ejected~~ mail items <u>ejected from a mail device</u> will accumulate,

a front wall,<u> joined to the support plate,</u> on which these mail items will abut upon their ejection,

two lateral walls <u>joined to the support plate,</u> and

a rear wall,<u> joined to the support plate and two lateral walls,</u> ~~intended~~ <u>configured</u> to align these mail items once they have fallen on the support plate,

said support plate comprising two hollows made on either side of its longitudinal axis at the level of its join with said front wall, wherein each hollow creates an opening between a respective lateral wall and the front wall and said rear wall comprises hooking means <u>configured to</u> ~~cooperating~~ <u>cooperate</u> with feet of ~~the~~ <u>a</u> folding and inserting machine for connecting the receiving device to the folding and inserting machine.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein said hooking means comprise two clips cooperating with two front feet of the machine.

3.   (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said lateral walls each present an outer corner without sharp angle.

4.   (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said rear wall integrating the hooking means is reinforced by ribs.

5.   (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is made by moulding plastics material in one piece.

6.   (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein said lateral walls and the front wall are made of transparent material.

7.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein each opening allows items received on the support plate to be accessed through the opening.

8.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein each of the lateral walls further comprises a rounded corner located opposite the support plate and rear wall.

9.   (New) The device of claim 1, wherein the mail device is a folding and inserting machine.